

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1        1.        A seating unit comprising:  
2                a seat; and  
3                a back, wherein an edge of said back includes an aesthetic portion, and wherein  
4        said aesthetic portion is patterned to resemble one of a plurality of preselected scenic  
5        silhouettes.
  
- 1        2.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back comprises:  
2                at least one central portion, said central portion extending longitudinally from a  
3        first edge of said back to a second edge of said back, wherein said first edge is the edge  
4        which includes said aesthetic portion;  
5                a plurality of filler portions, said filler portions extending longitudinally from said  
6        first edge of said back to said second edge of said back, and said filler portions  
7        substantially filling a space between said central portion and lateral boundaries of said  
8        back.
  
- 1        3.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back further comprises:  
2                a single planar portion having a forward face and a rear face, said forward face  
3        arranged to be facing a seating portion of said seating unit; and  
4                at least one support member operatively attached transversely to said single planar  
5        portion, said support member attached proximate said rear face.
  
- 1        4.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said scenic silhouette represents a feature  
2        selected from the group consisting of: a landscape contour, a ridge profile, and a  
3        mountain range.

1        5.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is an Adirondack-style chair.

1        6.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is an Adirondack-style  
2 furniture piece selected from the group consisting of: a love seat, a swing, and a glider, a  
3 chaises lounge, a glider, a loveseat, and a tête-à-tête.

1        7.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said seating unit is constructed from  
2 materials selected from the group consisting of: wood, plastic, metal, resin, wood-  
3 adhesive compounds, and combinations thereof.

1        8.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back is further adapted to operably  
2 receive a cushion assembly.

1        9.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said cushion assembly is operatively  
2 attached to said seating unit.

1        10.       The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said back is further adapted to be operably  
2 supported on said base for movement between an upright position and an angled position.

1        11.       The seating unit of claim 4, wherein said aesthetic portion further comprises  
2 descriptive information related to said feature such as a name, elevation, or date.

1        12.       The seating unit of claim 4, wherein said descriptive information is the result of  
2 an application of a method selected from the group consisting of: painting, engraving,  
3 carving, etching, branding, scoring, embossing, plating, and molding.

1        13.        The seating unit of claim 1, wherein said edge is an upper exposed edge of said  
2        planar back, and said aesthetic portion extends along substantially the entire upper edge  
3        of said planar back.

1        14.     A method of constructing a modified seating unit with a characteristic aesthetic  
2        portion, said method comprising the steps of:  
3                providing a scenic aspect;  
4                deriving a contour line from said scenic aspect;  
5                providing a seating unit, said seating unit having a contourable portion to receive  
6        said a contour derived from said contour line;  
7                applying said contour line to said contourable portion of said unmodified seating  
8        unit; and  
9                modifying said contourable portion of said unmodified seating unit in accordance  
10       with said contour line to produce said modified seating unit.

1        15.     The method of claim 14, wherein said step of deriving a contour line from said  
2        scenic aspect uses means selected from the group consisting of: a stencil, a computer, an  
3        overhead projector, projection equipment, image manipulation software, and a  
4        pantograph.

1        16.     The method of claim 14, wherein said step of modifying said contourable portion  
2        of said unmodified seating unit uses a means selected from the group consisting of:  
3        manual modification, power tool, and CNC device.

1        17.     The method of claim 14, wherein, in said step providing a scenic aspect, said  
2        medium is selected from the group consisting of: postcards, photographs, online images,  
3        magazine images, freehand sketches, and artwork.

1        18.     The method of claim 14, wherein said medium is a display device.

1        19.     The method of claim 18, wherein said display device is adapted to display at least  
2        one scenic aspect.

1        20.     The method of claim 18, wherein said contour line is defined by a series of  
2        coordinate points located along said contour line, and wherein a series of proportions are  
3        present between various coordinate points on said contour line

1        21.     The method of claim 18, further comprising, prior to the step of applying said  
2        fitted contour line, the step of manipulating said contour line to produce a fitted contour  
3        line, said fitted contour line adjusted to fit said contourable portion of said unmodified  
4        seating unit.

1        22.     A furniture piece comprising:  
2                a first portion having an edge formed in a contour shape, said contour shape  
3        resembling one of a plurality of preselected topographical contours.

1        23.     The furniture piece as claimed in claim 22, wherein said first portion further  
2        comprises a substantially planar portion, and said preselected topographical contours are  
3        derived from a profile of a mountain ridgeline.

1        24.     The furniture piece as claimed in claim 23, wherein said furniture piece provides  
2        a seat, and said substantially planar portion is a back of said seat.